THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The financial autonomy to the PSUs is not enterprise specific and is general as per Government guidelines issued from time to time.

गुजरात में कृषि, वन और खनिज आधारित उद्योगों को स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव

192. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला:** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का गुजरात में कृषि, वन और खनिज आधारित उद्योग स्थापित करने का विचार है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या गुजरात सरकार ने केन्द्रीय सरकार को इस सम्बन्ध में कोई प्रस्ताव अनुमोदनार्थ भेजा है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) सरकार ने इस संबंध में अब तक क्या निर्णय लिया है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) से (ङ) 1994-96 की अवधि के दौरान गुजरात राज्य में कृषि, वन और खनिज आधारित उद्योगों की स्थापना करने के लिए 6 आशय पत्र जारी किये गये हैं। पिछले तीन सालों में गुजरात सरकार से इस संबंध में औद्योगिक लाइसेंस के लिए कोई भी आवेदन प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

New Policy Initiative for Industry

193. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal of new policy initiatives for industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Government have announced a series of measures in the past few months to further liberalise the industrial and investment policy. These includes delicensing of entertainment electronics, new guidelines for licensing in the sugar industry, increase in the limits for lumpsum payments for foreign technology agreements, enlargement of the list of industries eligible for automatic approval, increase in the limits of foreign equity for automatic approval for specified industries up to 74%, publication of the guidelines for the Foreign Investment Promotion Board, etc. All these measures are aimed towards increasing the investments and for providing greater incentive to both domestic and foreign investors for setting up industry in this country as well as to make Indian industry competitive in the international market.

MoU by NSIC with SBDC of Trinidad and Tobago

194. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Small Business Development Company Limited (SBDC), Trinidad and Tobago;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the potential of small usiness identified for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) has signed a MoU with the Small Business Development Company (SBDC) Ltd., Trinidad & Tobago for working out a detailed action plan for the promotion of small enterprises in that country. The potential for business is being jointly assessed by the NSIC and SBDC.

विदेशी निवेश को बढ़ावा दिया जाना

195. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह:** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश में विदेशी निवेश को बढ़ावा देने के उद्देश्य से विदेशी निवेशकों की निवेश